ive Year Plan for the development of different minor ports ;

(c) whether Government have identified any minor port for development during Eighth Plan ;

(d) whether Gopalpur minor port is one of them; and

(e) if so, the amount provided or earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir. The Central assistance for the development of minor ports was given till the Fifth Five Year Plan and was discontinued subsequently.

(b) A provision of Rs. 20 crores was made for the development of two minor ports during the Seventh Five Year Plan under the Central loan assistance. But no funds were released.

(c) The Working Group for Eighth Five Year Plan for the Port Sector has recommended an overall outlay of Rs. 200 crores towards Central assistance for development of minor ports. The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

(d) and (e) No minor port for Central loan assistance has been specifically identified by the Working Group. Hence, the question of earmarking provision for any individual port does not arise.

Punjab Terrorists Activities in Terai Region of U. P.

2328. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
KUMARI ALIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Punjab terrorists spreading their activities to Terai region of Uttar Pradesh, if so, how many people and policemen have been killed during the last three months in Nainital and Pilibhit districts ; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to curb this menace and what is Uttar Pradesh Government's report in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) The Government of U.P. has been alerted regarding the stepped up terrorist activities in the Terai region of the State. Periodic consultations between State Police authorities of Punjab , U.P. and other bordering States are held for sharing information regarding the movements and activities of terrorists bands. Details of terrorist crimes in the Terai region and measures taken are being ascertained from U.P. Government and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Microwave Linkage of Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State

2329. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat made a proposal to establish Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State for regional network ; and

(b) If so, whether provision has been made for such linkage with INSAT-1D programme ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INSAT-1D is planned to be substitute of INSAT-1B and no additional satellite capacity is expected to become available consequent upon its operationalisation. Regional service in the State of Gujarat is presently envisaged in the INSAT-II time frame.

Voluntary agencies receiving Foreign Aid

2330. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that many voluntary agencies in the country are receiving huge foreign aid both from National and International agencies/societies ;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines for regulating their spending of such funds/aids ; and

(c) if not, how Government proporse to exercise check on the misuse of funds for conversion of religions etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 and the Rules framed thereunder regulate the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution by associations.

Liquidation of Staff Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., New Delhi

2331. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 6th May, 1987 regarding the liquidation of NCBC (Urban) Staff Co-operative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to settle the claims of depositors and what are the reasons for not settling the claims of depositors by Registrar, Co-operative Society, Delhi Administration for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. A liquidator was appointed to settle the claims of the members of the society.

(b) The accounts of the society were incomplete. A chartered accountant has been appointed to write the accounts and to audit them. Pending completion of the audit by the chartered accountant, the liquidator has been directed to make payment of 20% of the total claims of each claiment. He has initiated action accordingly.

Committee for construction and Maintenance of Roads and Highways

2332. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govrnment have appointed High Powered Committees in the States on the development of roads and bridge construction industry, for supervision of construction and maintenance of Roads and highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the composition of the Committee so consituted in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the time by when the Committee is expected to submit its report to Union Government?